USSR support to Pakistan on Nuclear Free Zone issue

*150. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USSR sided with Pakistan on the letter's proposal on the South-Asian Nuclear Free Zone issue as manifested by its vote favouring it on the 11th November, 1991 in the Political and Security Committee of the United Nations General Assembly;

(b) whether Government of India has expressed its concern to the Soviet Government over its decision to vote for the proposal on which it had abstained in the past;

(c) if so, what is the Soviet reaction thereto;

(d) whether during his recent visit to Moscow he made an assessment of the Soviet policy changes contemplated by it; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) what is the extent to which this resolution will benefit Pakistan to get military and economic aid from America which was suspended in October last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) This year, the USSR changed its vote from abstention to positive on a resolution on South Asia as a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, sponsored by Pakistan.

(b) to (d) During his visit to the USSR recently, External Affairs Minister expressed disappointment that the USSR chose to change its traditional position on the proposal. The Soviet leaders attributed the change to their new disarmament priorities and stated that it had no bearing on Soviet friendship with India.

(e) The Resolution is not likely to have any effect on US-Pak relations.

Multi-crore modernisation programme for International Airports

*151. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Airports Authority of India has drawn up a multi-crore modernisation programme for the five International Airports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme and by when the proposed work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) As a part of the Eighth Plan exercise, International Airports Authority of India has drawn up a list of project proposals, envisaging among other things, construction of New Passenger and Cargo Terminals with facilities such as conveyor belts, lifts and escalators, flight information display system, furniture, trolleys, baggage and cargo handling systems, security equipment etc. Since the size of the Eighth Plan has not been finalised, it is too early to furnish further details and timeframe for completion of the works.

Construction of a modern abattoir to combat bird menace at Hyderabad Airport

*152. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be please to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have released sufficient grant to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of modern abattoir to combat bird menace at Hyderabad airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Out of the Central share of Rs. 550 lakhs, Ministry of Agriculture has re-